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Registered and Illegal Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered working mines in the country, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has fixed/ proposes to fix any target for production from these mines, if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made by these mines during each of the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether the Government has achieved the target set for these mines, if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to achieve the same;
(d) whether certain other mines are also working illegally in addition to the registered mines in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
(e) the action taken by the Government against these illegal working mines?

Answer

(a): As per rule 45 of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988, it is mandatory for all miners, traders, stockists, exporters and end-users to register with the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) (a subordinate office of the Ministry). The state-wise detail of working/Non-working leases registered with IBM in the country is given as Annexure-I.

(b)& (c): The production limit is a derivative of the limits prescribed in the approved mining plan, the Environment Clearance and the Mine Development and Production Agreement, as the case may be. Production limits vary from mine to mine; and details in this regard are not maintained centrally.

(d)& (e): Based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various state governments to IBM, details of instances of illegal mining reported in various parts of the country and the action taken by State Governments, for the last two years i.e. 2014-15 to 2015-16 are given at Annexure-Iland Annexure-III.
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